

INTRODUCTION

I. THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT CHARACTERIZE A WALK DRIVEN BY A FULL EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL.

- A. It is a walk in which one will be **"being fruitful"** in every good work. Vs. 10
1. "Bearing fruit" is the word "karpophoreo" (pres. Act. part.) --
 - a) Karpos -- the product of that which grows; used literally and figuratively in Scripture. Cf. Phil. 1:22 (of Paul's labour); Gal. 5:22 (of the fruit of the Spirit); John 15:16 (of the believers bring forth as a result of connection to the vine)
 - b) Phoero -- **"when something is carried or borne regularly or for a considerable time."** -- Friberg lexicon cf. 1st Co. 15:49 (image)
 2. "Every good work" (agathos ergon) -- those works that God has prepared for the believer that Holy Spirit leads one to accomplished.
 - a) God brings them as the believer is prepared for them. Titus 3:1; 2 Tim. 2:21
 - b) Illustrated in the office of bishop (1st Tim. 3:1); and the widow (1st Tim. 5:10)
 - c) God adjusts the believer to do His will in every good work. Heb. 13:21

- B. It is a walk in which one will be **"increasing"** in the "knowledge" of God. Col. 1:10

1. The word "increasing" is auxano which is used in Scripture to emphasize the growth of a thing. Col. 1:10
 - a) It is used of the growth of the Word. Acts 12:24; 19:20
 - b) It is used of spiritual growth. Eph. 4:15; 1st Pet. 2:2
 - c) The use of the middle/passive participle with auxano notes the something acting upon the believer. Col. 1:10
 - (1) The use of the "eis" is causal and can be translated "because of".
 - (2) The word "knowledge" is epiginosko which is a full experiential knowledge.
 - (a) It is used to note the effect on the believer of being filled with God's desirous will. Col. 1:9
 - (b) It is used to note a full experiential knowledge of "the truth". Heb. 10:26
 - (c) The experiential knowledge in focus by Paul to the Colossians is that of the Father. Cf. Acts 2:23

(concerning the decree); 2:33 (of the Son being at the right hand of the Father)

(3) The articular use of epiginosko notes

2. The word **“strengthened”** is “dunamos” (m/p participle) -- **“to enable”** -- Strong’s lexicon Col. 1:11 cf. 1st Co. 2:4 (from God); Eph. 3:16 (more specifically the Holy Spirit); 3:16 (the riches of His glory the impetus); Phil. 3:10 (made possible by the Son’s resurrection)
 - a) “With all” is better translated “according (kata preposition) to a His glorious strength (kratos -- ability) cf. Lk. 1:51
 - b) The result of being strengthened is three-fold.
 - (1) “Into” all patience.
 - (2) “Into” all long suffering
 - (3) “With joy”
 - (a) “With” is the meta preposition noting that which is loosely associated with (both patience and longsuffering is characteristic of one who is displaying joy) cf. Ja. 1:2-3
 - (b) Joy is a mental appreciation for circumstances a believer might find himself in in spite of the circumstances. Cf. Acts 20:23-34 (of response to trials); 1st Thess. 1:6 (affects the reception of the Word)
3. **“Giving thanks”** (pres. Act. part.). Col. 1:12
 - a) Thanksgiving is “to express gratitude for benefits or blessings”. -- Louw-Nida lexicon
 - b) All thanksgiving is to the Father. Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17
 - c) Thanksgiving is the most important form of communication with God. Col. 1:13
 - (1) It is he Who has made us “meet” -- “sufficient, fit” -- Joseph Thayer
 - (2) “Partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light”
 - (3) He delivered believers out of the authority of “the darkness” -- the organized system led by Satan that runs the opposition system to God’s plan and purposes. cf. Lk. 22:53 (behind the Lord’s arrest); 1st Co. 4:5 (the things it is behind today are veiled); Eph. 6:12 (its rulers oppose believers)
 - (4) He translated believers into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

CONCLUSION